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Examiner : Leonardo Andujar

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REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND  
REQUEST TO RESTART PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed October 22, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

The Examiner objected to claim 18-30 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper form because of multiple dependent claim 17.

The Examiner's objection is mysterious.

Multiple dependent claims are explicitly permitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c). Claim 17 recites "[t]he device of claim 13 or 14", and thus properly refers to the preceding claims in the alternative. The Examiner's attention is directed to MPEP 608.01(n)(I)(A), showing that the use of "or" is an accepted format for a multiple dependent claim.

Claims which depend from multiple dependent claims are also explicitly permitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c). The Examiner's attention is directed to MPEP 608.01(n)(I)(F) (and particularly to claim 7 in the table), for a discussion on how to treat claims depending from multiple dependent claims. The application does not include multiple dependent claims which depend from other multiple dependent claims.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to Examiner Note 1 from Form Paragraph 7.45 in MPEP 608.01(n)(I)(A).

Applicant respectfully requests a new office action in which claims 18-30 are treated on the merits, and respectfully requests that the period for response be restarted.

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